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SUBJECT: JDL COVERAGE AND HARASSMENT OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL

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1. ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT STRELNIKOV IN "PRAVDA" JUNE 30 GIVES SOVIET READER FIRST REPORT OF LATEST JDL ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON. STRELNIKOV MENTIONS BRICK THROWN THROUGH WINDOW OF SOVIET DIPLOMAT AND QUOTES KAHANE AS SAYING THAT "NEXT TIME BOMBS WILL FLY".

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2. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT KAHANE'S RALLY NEAR SOVIET EMBASSY DREW ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 200 PARTICIPANTS WHICH IS SIGN THAT MOST JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS CONDEMN HIM AND HIS TACTICS. ACCORDING TO STRELNIKOV, ONLY POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR KAHANE'S CONTINUING ACTIVITIES IS THAT CERTAIN CIRCLES OF "OFFICIAL WASHINGTON" SUPPORT HIM IN HIS EFFORTS. STRELNIKOV POINTS OUT THAT NO MEMBERS OF JDL HAVE BEEN PUNISHED FOR THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIONS AND QUOTES FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE MEMORANDUM DATED MAY 20, 1970 DEALING WITH QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN US WHICH STATES THAT ANYONE INSULTING OR CARRYING OUT ACTS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST THEM IS SUBJECT TO FINE OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND/OR IMPRISONMENT UP TO THREE YEARS.

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EM ARTICLE ADMITS IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO SAY THAT AMERICAN POLICE HAVE NOT TAKEN ACTION AGAINST JDL. STRELNIKOV ALLOWS THAT GUARDS HAVE BEEN POSTED AT MANY SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS BUT ASKS WHY THEY DO NOT ACT AGAINST JDL MEMBERS AS THEY DID AGAINST PARTICIPANTS IN RECENT ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS. ONE POLICEMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT POLICE COULD DEAL WITH PROBLEM QUICKLY IF THEY WERE NOT "HANDCUFFED." STRELNIKOV CONCLUDES THAT ONLY THOSE NOT INTERESTED IN NORMALIZATION OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUATION OF THIS "PERFORMANCE".

4. MEANWHILE, MEMBERS OF "INITIATIVE GROUP" CONTINUE FOLLOW AMERICAN PERSONNEL LEAVING CHANCERY OR RESIDENCES ON FOOT. TWO MEMBERS THIS GROUP ENGAGED EMOFF IN LENGTHY, LOW-KEY CONVERSATION JUNE 30 ABOUT FAILURE US AUTHORITIES TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST JDL. PRIOR TO BREAKING OFF DISCUSSION, ONE INDIVIDUAL WARNED THAT SOVIET PATIENCE WEARING THIN AND THAT NEXT TIME HE WOULD NOT JUST ENGAGE IN TALK.

5. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TEN TELEGRAMS IN PAST 24 HOURS FROM "INDIGNANT" SOVIET CITIZENS.

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